of Rs. 20 crores to promote industry and trade in the State. Similar request was made by Chief Minister, Punjab during 1986 referring to the request of the Governor. The State Govt. was informed that since substantial Central assistance had been provided to the State during 1984-85 to 1986-87 it would not be possible to provide further assistance separately for this purpose. It was also indicated that the State Govt. might reorder their Plan and non-Plan priorities to meet this requirement. However, under the scheme for Industrialisation for Backward Areas, the following amounts of subsidy have been disbursed to the State:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1983-84	1.63
1984-85	3.49
1985-86	2.80
1986-87	2.26
1987-88	2.22

In addition, industrially backward districts of the State are also entitled to income tax incentive and concessional finance.

GNLF bid to obtain weapons from Khalistan terrorists

897. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) militants might obtain sophisticated weapons from Khalistan terrorists in order to continue their 'do-or-die' movement, as reported in the Indian Express of the 18th June, 1988;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to inquire into such dealings of GNLF with the terrorists; and

(c) what are the facts in this regard and what further steps Government propose to take to curb such activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Government have no confirmed information to indicate that the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) militants have established any link with the Khalistani terrorists.

Passing of the duty concessions extended to textile industry to the consumers

898. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile industry has not passed on to the consumers the benefits accrued to it from the massive excise duty relief granted by Government to the industry in the current Budget;

(b) if so, what was the total amount of relief so granted to the textile industry; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Textile Industry has partially passed on the benefits of the excise duty relief granted in the 1988-89 Budget to the consumers. Since there are various levels, from the manufacturer to the ultimate consumer, the impact of duty relief on the final consumer, i.e. consumer of the fabric, may take some time.

(b) The total amount of estimated revenue effect in one full year on account of the concessions given to the man-made fibres and yarns in the 1988-89 Budget is Rs. 20841 lakhs in respect of basic excise duty and Rs. 2843 lakhs in respect of additional duty on textile and textile articles.

(c) Government have constituted a committee to monitor the selling prices of polyester fibre, polyester filament yarn and nylon filament yarn. The Committee keeps a watch over the price trends of polyester staple fibre etc. and advices the Government regarding remedial measures in the event of unreasonable hike in prices.

Bomb blast in Jeevan Dhara building

899. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a powerful bomb blast in LIC's Jeevan Dhara building in Connaught Place, New Delhi on the 10th May, 1988; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the case was handed over to the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police;

(c) whether any clue has since been found in this connection; and

(d) if, so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes. Sir, (The name of the building is Jeevan Bharti and not Jeevan Dhara). One person died on the spot and another died later in the hospital. 13 persons were injured. A case FIR No. 229 dated 10-5-1988 under section 302/307/436/427 IPC and 3/4 of the Explosive Substances Act. P. S. Connaught Place was registered.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) From the investigation conducted so far by the Crime Branch, a terrorist of Japanese origin is believed to be involved in this case. However, no arrest has been made in the case.

Establishment of new wildlife sanctuaries and National Park

900. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish new wildlife sanctuaries and national park in the country;

(b) whether Government have prepared a master plan for their development;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of development of these sanctuaries and parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Wildlife Institute of India has in a recent publication suggested the establishment of 95 National Parks including upgradation of 48 existing Wildlife Sanctuaries in National Parks, and 239 new Wildlife Sanctuaries The establishment, control and management of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is carried out by the State Governments. Accordingly, copies of the report prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India have been forwarded to the State Governments.

(d) This would depend on the sepcific National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries that the State Governments may decide to set up.

Fire Safety measures in Government buildings in capital

901. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 11